State of California Department of Consumer Affairs Board of Psychology Board Meeting Highlights May 4-5, 2007

The Board of Psychology conducts four quarterly board meetings each year. Board meeting minutes are available to the public once they have been approved and adopted by the Board at a subsequent meeting. To inform the public of the major actions or discussions of each Board meeting without waiting for the approved minutes, Board staff produces this document entitled "Board Meeting Highlights" and makes it available to the public as soon as possible following the Board meeting. This summary is for informational purposes only and is not intended to be viewed as the official minutes of the Board meeting.

The Board of Psychology met on May 4-5, 2007, at the Embassy Suites – LAX North, 9801 Airport Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90045. The following summarizes the major highlights of the board meeting:

- The Board's President, Dr. Jacqueline Horn, reported on the Board's attendance at the following events:
 - California Psychological Association Convention, which was held on April 12-15, 2007, in Costa Mesa, CA
 - Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards' Midyear Meeting, which was held on April 26-29, 2007, in Louisville, KY

Dr. Horn noted that this was the last meeting for Howard Adelman, Ph.D., and William Lew Tan. She thanked them both for their service to the Board.

- The Executive Officer, Robert Kahane, reported on attendance at the following events:
 - California Latino-Latina Mental Health Conference, which was held on March 17, 2007, in Fullerton, CA
 - California Psychological Association Annual Meeting, which was held on February 24, 2007, at Pepperdine University in Los Angeles, CA

Mr. Kahane noted that Linda Lindholm resigned as a Board member effective March 14, 2007. Mr. Kahane also reported on Board headquarters relocation, website redesign, and the 2007 Laws and Regulations books.

Regulation updates:

- Consumer Information Amendments to Title 16, California Code of Regulations Section 1396.5 Newly adopted section became effective March 30, 2007.
- Supervised Professional Experience Amendments to Title 16, California Code of Regulations sections 1387 and 1390.3 – Final rulemaking file was approved by the Department of Consumer Affairs. The Board is waiting for the approval of the Economic and Fiscal Impact Statement prior to submitting the file to the Office of Administrative Law.
- Waiver of Exam under Section 2946 Amendments to Title 16, California Code of Regulations sections 1388.6 and 1381.5 – Amendments became effective on May 9, 2007.
- Supervised Professional Experience (non-mental health) Amendments to Title 16,
 California Code of Regulations section 1387.3 Hearing was held on February 10,

- 2007, at which the Board adopted new language. Final rulemaking file pending submission to the Department of Consumer Affairs.
- New Examination (CPLEE) Amendments to Title 16, California Code of Regulations sections 1381.5, 1388, 1388.6 and 1392 Hearing was held on February 10, 2007. Modified language was adopted by Board. Final rulemaking file pending submission to the Department of Consumer Affairs.
- The Examination Committee addressed the anomaly that occurred with the February 2007 form of the California Psychology Supplemental Examination (CPSE). As a result of the anomaly, candidates who failed this form of the examination are being allowed to take an alternate form of the CPSE free of charge. These candidates are not being required to wait the usual six months between retakes of the examination.

The Examination Committee reported on the recommendations made by the Office of Examination Resources (OER) for future CPSE examinations. These recommendations are as follows:

- 1) To not post the CPSE passing statistics on a monthly basis on the Board's website. Rather, the recommendation is to wait until an examination version has been stopped before posting the final passing rate on the website.
- 2) To provide the term "pass" to all candidates who pass their examination and only provide actual scores to candidates who failed their examination as a form of feedback. The Board decided to implement recommendation #2 with the next form of the CPSE, but to reject recommendation #1.

The Examination Committee reported that the next Occupational Analysis (OA) is not scheduled to be performed by the Office of Examination Resources (OER) until 2009. The Board directed staff to contact the OER to determine if another occupational analysis can be performed sooner to incorporate non-mental health practitioners.

- The Continuing Education Committee reviewed several options for continuing education provider/course approval provided by Jo Linder-Crow, Ph.D., Executive Director of the California Psychological Association. Dr. Linder-Crow had been asked at the last Board meeting to bring this information for consideration by the Continuing Education Committee. The Committee reviewed the information, and the issue will be placed on the agenda for the August Board meeting for further discussion.
- The Credentials Committee reported that the Bureau for Private Post-Secondary and Vocational Education (BPPVE) will become inoperative as of July 1, 2007. There is currently pending legislation (SB823 and AB1525) which would affect approved schools. The Board will not make any decisions, pending the outcome of SB823 and AB1525.
- The Board held its annual election of officers. James McGhee was elected as President, and Sharon O'Connor, Ph.D., was elected as Vice-President.